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<TEXT>Most low income people use prepaid phones or phone cards, they use it for safety, security and convenience. I urge you to please consider people on fixed and lower income that use prepaid services, they usually make few long distance calls and can not afford this tax. Please don't put the burdon of a flat fee on people who do not use the service excessively. Refect a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make not only my current service unaffordable, but would make service unaffordable for most people on low or fixed incomes.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. People on fixed incomes or lower incomes just can't afford this, they often use prepaid plans and do not make many calls they should not have to contribute the same amount as people or businessess that make a lot of calls.

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair, and keep wireless service affordable for people on low or fixed incomes.

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